

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 215

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Dayton Lester of the
Bradley Creek community.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of
the passing of Dayton Lester; and

WHEREAS, Dayton Lester was a caring and concerned gentleman who worked
assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Dayton Lester served with acumen and alacrity as a Deacon of Bradley
Creek Baptist Church for 61 years; he became known as a compassionate and caring leader
among the people of that faith community; and

WHEREAS, Dayton Lester was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always
endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Dayton Lester enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Etta Moore
Phillips Lester and was the proud father of Herb and his wife Pat, Hugh Dayton and his wife
Barbara, and Sharon and her husband Ron Martin; and

WHEREAS, Dayton Lester is also survived by several grandchildren: Shane Martin,
Ginger Martin Atkins and her husband Lewis, Dana Lester Palmer and her husband Jon,
Amanda Lester Ward and her husband John, and Emily Lester Cauthen and her husband John;

impacting lives for several generations, Dayton Lester also leaves behind several great-grandchildren: Tyler, Callie, Lanna, Sadie Atkins, Kaitlyn, Abigail Palmer, and Madisyn Cauthen; and

WHEREAS, a retired dairy farmer, Mr. Lester served the people of Rutherford County and the Bradley Creek community, of which he was a longtime resident, as a member of the Nashville Area Farmers Club; and

WHEREAS, Dayton Lester leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptionally hardworking and kindhearted man; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Dayton Lester, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to helping and guiding others to live life to the fullest.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Dayton Lester.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.